

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley**

Present: Chairman Mr David Hopkins, Mr David Bird, Mr Robert Johnson, Ms Charlie Lowe, Mrs Christine Paynter, Mrs Emma Armstrong, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk),

Also present: 14 x members of the public & Cllr Steve Criswell

	<p>The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the open forum at 7.30pm. John Sharpley raised concern with the planning application 16/02355/FUL. He feels the PC should refuse the application based on the following reasons: inconsistent with planning building line, any building should not exceed the existing buildings, is far higher than previous application. Environmental concerns include colony of great crested newts in the water course within the village which runs along this site, walnut tree roots may be damaged as a result of any development. Drainage is also a concern.</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins advised the PC would take these points into consideration when they discussed it, however, Anglian Water have confirmed that capacity for 4 pots is still available within the village.</p> <p>Angela Parker advised the consultation letters have now gone out for the location of the speed cushions. She said the letter implied the location was set in stone. Cllr Steve Criswell advised the CCC highways will share all comments received with the PC for them to make the decision as this was a parish decision and not a county one. The consultation period ends on 11 January 2017. Angela advised if the cushion could be moved by 1 metre towards the village hall it would help with their major concerns.</p> <p>Post meeting note: the clerk is meeting with CCC Highways on Thursday 22nd December at 10am.</p> <p>A further question was asked if Anglian Water had provided the information regarding the location of the pots and property owners. The clerk confirmed that despite several conversations with AW this information has still not been sent. Maria Talbot did advise this wasn't something they had on file so would have to sit down and collate the information to share with the PC. They also were waiting for their legal team to advise if they could share the personal detail with the PC.</p> <p>The meeting started at 7.45pm.</p>	
87	<p>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Ms Charlie Lowe declared an interest in item 103 – 16/02522/HHFUL as she lives next door.</p>	
88	<p>Apologies for absence – Mr Graham Bull.</p>	
89	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 9th November to be approved and signed by the Chairman – Mr David Hopkins signed the minutes. <i>(Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.)</i></p>	
90	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes – None</p>	
91	<p>FY2016/17 Accounts to end November 2016 – the clerk shared the accounts via email and no comments were raised.</p> <p>November summary Income - £0.00 Expenditure - £397.71 Bank balance - £16,600.86 <i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr David Bird. All agreed.)</i></p>	
92	<p>Accounts for payment for November payments – The clerk shared the accounts for payment for November and Mr David Bird and Mr Robert Johnson signed the cheques. <i>(Proposed Mr</i></p>	

	<i>David Bird, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.) Appendix 1</i>	
93	<p>Committee updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community plan – Mrs Christine Paynter updated the committee on the progress made since the last meeting. Thanks to all the people who helped with the village tidy on 19th November. Cutting the grass back to the concrete from Warboys Road to Fen Road pond, litter pick, branches removed, notice board sanded and waxed, bus stops re-waxed. Shovels placed in all 4 grit bins for all to use. A gully sweep in Warboys Road took place by HDC on 17 November, however the drains are still blocked, request for a tanker to clear. <p>Speedwatch training was undertaken and the first session is planned. Anyone else wishing to volunteer please contact Christine Paynter.</p> <p>The final Pidley parish map should be completed in the New Year and HDC have advised they are happy to print this.</p> <p>Thanks to Phil Ellington who has produced three circular walks for Pidley, these are on the website and notice board.</p> <p>A question as to when the old website will be deleted was raised. The clerk confirmed all the details had been shared with Annie.</p> <p>HDC tree warden confirmed on schedule with tree delivery early in 2017.</p> <p>The new village sign looks great, David Hopkins confirmed he would get a brick plinth built when convenient.</p> <p>The Christmas Eve carol service is at 6pm on Christmas Eve. All welcome to see the new lighting, which was part paid for by the money raised at the flower festival. Mrs Emma Armstrong suggested everyone attend the village hall social event after the carol service.</p> <p>The community plan team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Healthy New Year.</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins thanked Christine Paynter and the community plan team for their efforts. The village is looking lovely as a result of this hard work and organisation. David Hopkins asked if the meeting in April had been arranged? He suggested inviting Roger Mould to feedback on the findings from the archaeological dig in August. Christine Paynter advised the team hope to get together in spring for the first tidy of 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playpark – Mr David Bird confirmed all was ok following the routine inspection on 1st December. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>David Hopkins</p>
94	<p>County Council & District Council reports</p> <p>Cllr Steve Criswell confirmed the dates for the LHI panel meeting as 11 & 16 January 2017. Cllr Criswell wished all happy Christmas and left the meeting at 8pm to attend another meeting.</p>	
95	<p>Handyman update – Mr David Hopkins and Mrs Christine Paynter are to arrange a meeting to make arrangements for Spring 2017.</p> <p>CP and DH talking and having a meeting with him.</p>	David Hopkins/ Christine Paynter
96	<p>Cambridgeshire ACRE renewal – the parish council agreed to renew this membership. <i>(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr David Bird. All agreed.)</i></p>	Clerk
97	<p>Agree amendments to Financial regulations – the clerk amended the financial regulations to reflect the discussions around expenditure of the community plan team. The PC agreed to the amendments. <i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.)</i></p>	
98	<p>Adopt complaints process – the clerk produced a complaints process which the PC agreed to adopt. <i>(Proposed Mrs Christine Paynter, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.)</i></p>	
99	<p>Adopt standing orders – the clerk updated the standing orders which the PC agreed to adopt. <i>(Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.)</i></p>	
100	<p>Agree code of conduct for all councillors – the clerk shared the code of conduct for all</p>	

	councillors which the PC agreed to adopt. (<i>Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.</i>)	
101	Adopt data protection policy – the clerk produced a data protection policy which the PC agreed to adopt. (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr David Bird. All agreed.</i>)	
102	PC vacancy & co-opt – Mr David Hopkins proposed that Mr Tim Ward be co-opted onto the parish council to represent Fenton which will fill the current vacancy. (<i>Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.</i>) Mr Tim Ward joined the remainder of the meeting. The clerk is to send all relevant documents for completion.	Clerk
103	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/02355/FUL – Mr David Hopkins gave a summary of the application and the changes to the previous application which was approved by HDC, but now lapsed. The PC refused the application back in 2013 due to the impact of the additional height on the neighbouring properties. The new application is higher than the previous one and concerns remain the same on the impact to the neighbours, overdevelopment of the site, environmental concerns with great crested newts and bats and loss of trees. Also the community plan consultation results showed the majority of residents didn't want any further development within the village. The PC voted to REFUSE the application for the following reasons: Overbearing on neighbouring properties Close to neighbouring trees Adverse impact on conservation Planning policy principals state no backfill within the village Community plan shows residents don't want further development Mr David Hopkins confirmed he was happy to attend along with Mr John Sharpley if the application went to panel. The clerk is to send the PC comments to Graham Bull for comments. (<i>Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.</i>) • 16/02522/HHFUL – Mr David Hopkins gave a summary of the application and confirmed the proposal is very similar to that of several of the neighbouring properties. The applicants were at the meeting and happy to answer any questions. As the proposal is very in keeping with the street scene and neighbouring properties the PC recommended APPROVAL of this application. (<i>Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed with exception of Ms Charlie Lowe who abstained from voting.</i>) 	
104	Correspondence received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDC – the clerk shared correspondence received regarding the removal of the phone box. No objections were raised and should a community defibrillator be purchased a suitable location can be agreed at the time. • The clerk shared the latest roadwatch stats via email with the committee. 	
105	Any other business – Mrs Emma Armstrong advised of the festive events at the village hall available to all free of charge. Mr Robert Johnson advised of footprints on the newly painted bus shelter. Mr David Hopkins advised there had been an increase in vandalism within the village and advised that all should be reported to the police using the 101 number. Mr Gil Boyd gave an update on the CCTV latest and was tasked with putting a presentation together for the January meeting. It was suggested the Chair of the PC to be the appointed person as data manager. A policy needs to be written and the clerk is to check out the personal liability with the insurance company. Mr David Hopkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas and looked forward to 2017.	

Meeting closed 8.52pm

Next meeting: 11th January 2017

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2017

February	Wednesday 8 th February
March	Wednesday 8 th March
April	Wednesday 12 th April
May	Wednesday 10 th May
June	Wednesday 14 th June
July	Wednesday 12 th July
August	Wednesday 9 th August
September	Wednesday 13 th September
October	Wednesday 11 th October
November	Wednesday 8 th November
December	Wednesday 13 th December